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Whitehall, June 26, 1798.

A Diſpatch, of which the following is a Copy, has been this Day received from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Dublin Caſtle, June 22, 1798.

My Lord,

I Have the Satisfaction of tranſmitting to your Grace an Extract of a Letter received this Morning by Lord Viſcount Caſtlereagh, from Lieutenant-General Lake, dated Enniſcorthy, the 21ſt Inſtant, and a Letter dated the ſame Day at Borris, from Major-General Sir Charles Aſgill, which contain Details of the Advantages obtained by His Majeſty's Forces againſt the Rebels in the County of Wexford. Private Accounts mention that Lieutenant-General Lake had his Horſe ſhot under him.

I alſo Incloſe to your Grace the Copy of a Letter from Sir Hugh O'Reilly, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Weſtmeath Regiment of Militia, which contains a Report of an Action againſt a Body of Inſurgents, near Cloghnikilty, and which I ſhortly mentioned to your Grace in my Diſpatch of Yeſterday.

I have the Honor to be, with the greateſt Reſpect,

My Lord

Your Grace's moſt obedient
humble Servant,

CORNWALLIS.

His Grace the Duke of Portland,
&c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Letter from General Lake to Lord Viſcount Caſtlereagh; dated Enniſcorthy, June 21, 1798.

I HAVE the Honour to acquaint your Lordſhip for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Information, that the Rebel Camp, upon Vinegar Hill, was attacked this Morning at Seven o'Clock, and carried in about an Hour and a Half.

The relative Importance of this very ſtrong Poſition, with our Operations againſt Wexford, made it neceſſary to combine our Attacks, ſo as to inſure Succeſs. A Column, under Major Generals Johnſon and Euſtace, was drawn from Roſs, and began the Attack upon the Town of Enniſcorthy, ſituated upon the Right Bank of the Slaney, cloſe under Vinegar Hill, upon the Right, and rather in the Rear of it.

Lieutenant General Dundas commanded the centre Column, Two other Columns were commanded by Major Generals Sir James Duff and Loftus, and a Fourth Column upon the left, by the Honourable Major-General Needham. To the determined Spirit with which theſe Columns were conducted, and the great Gallantry of the Troops we are indebted to the ſhort Reſiſtance of the Rebels, who maintained their Ground obſtinately for the Time above-mentioned, but on perceiving the Danger of being ſurrounded, they flew with great Precipitation. Their Loſs is not yet aſcertained, but it muſt be very conſiderable; the Loſs on our Part is not great, the Particulars of which, I ſhall report as ſoon as poſſible. In the mean Time, I am ſorry to ſay, that Lieutenant Sandys, of the Longford Regiment is killed, and that Colonel King of the Sligo, was wounded, in gallantly leading his Regiment. Lord Blaney and Colonel Veſey, of the County of Dublin Regiment are alſo wounded, but I am happy to add, that the Wonnds of theſe Three Officers are very ſlight.

I cannot too highly expreſs my Obligations, par[ti]cularly to Lieutenant General Dundas, and [the] General Officers on this Occaſion, for the Abil[i]ties and Ardor ſo ſtrongly manifeſted by t[he]nor to the Officers of every Rank, and the pr[i]Men, for a prompt, brave, and effectual [ex]ecution of their Orders.

To Colonel Campbell, with his Light Batta[lion] I am much indebted for their very ſpirited At[tack]

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and great Praiſe is due to the Earl of Ancram and Lord Roden, for their gallant Charge with their Regiments at the moment the Cavalry was wanted to complete the Succeſs of the Day.

It is with great Gratitude I alſo beg leave to mention the able Aſſiſtance I received from Major-Generals Hewitt and Cradock, and from Colonel Handfield, as I do on all Occaſions. And I ſhould be extremely wanting to myſelf, as well as to Lord Glentworth, Colonel Bligh, and Lieutenant-Colonel Meade (who did me the Honour to Volunteer their Service, and accompany me from Dublin) were I to omit to expreſs the high Senſe I entertain of their active and uſeful Aid to me this Morning. I alſo beg leave to mention in the ſame warm Terms, my Aid de Camp Captain Nicholſon.

To the rapid and well directed Fire of the Royal Artillery, and the Gallantry of their Officers and Men, for which they have ever been diſtinguiſhed, I conſider myſelf this Day highly indebted; and I am happy in expreſſing my Obligations to Captain Blomfield, commanding the Britiſh, and Captain Crawford, commanding the Iriſh Royal Artillery, with the Officers and Men under their Command.

Return of Ordnance, &c. taken from the Rebels on Vinegar-Hill, the 21ſt of June, 1798.

2 Braſs Six-Pounders, Side-Arms compleat.
1 Braſs Ditto, ditto.
1 Metal Six-Pounder, no Drag-Ropes.
6 Metal One-Pounders, ditto.
1 Metal Three-Pounder.
1 Braſs 5½ Inch Howitzer.
1 Braſs 4½ Inch ditto.

13 Total.

Ammunition Round.

17 Six Pounders.
30 One-Pounder.
11 Five and Half Inch.

Note, A Cart, with a vaſt Variety of Balls of different Diameters, had been thrown down the Hill after the Action; and immenſe Quantities of Lead and Leaden Balls delivered over to the Dumbarton Fencibles.

(Signed) ROBERT CRAWFORD,
Captain R. I. A.

Borris, June 21ſt, 1798.

My Lord,

HAVING received Intelligence that many of the Rebels, who probably had eſcaped from their Camps in Wexford, had collected near the Black-ſtairs Mountain, and were prevented from proceeding further, owing to the Poſts which I occupied by General Lake's Order, on the Barrow, I marched Yeſterday Morning from hence, with 250 Men, in Two Diviſions, by different Routes, to attack them, I found them ſcattered through the Country in conſiderable Numbers; upwards of an Hundred were killed, the remainder diſperſed, and ſeveral Arms and Pikes were taken.

Lord Loftus, of the Wexford Militia, commanded one Party, under my Orders; Honourable Colonel Howard, of the Wicklow, the other. The Troops behaved as uſual, in the moſt gallant Manner.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
CHARLES ASGILL, Major General.

Right Hon. Lord Caſtlereagh.

SIR, *Bandon, June 20, 1798.*

I Have the Honor to inform you, that a Party of the Weſtmeath Regiment, conſiſting of Two Hundred and Twenty Men, Rank and File, with Two Six-Pounders under my Command, was Yeſterday attacked on our March from Clonikilty to Bandon, near a Village called Ballynaſcarty, by the Rebels, who took up the beſt Poſition on the whole March.

The Attack was made from a Height on the Left of our Column of March with great Rapidity, and without the leaſt previous Notice, by between Three and Four Hundred Men as nearly as I can judge, armed moſtly with Pikes, and very few with Fire Arms; we had hardly Time to Form, but very ſoon repulſed them with a conſiderable Loſs, when they retreated precipitately, but not in great Confuſion, and when they regained the Height I could perceive that they there joined a conſiderable Force. I, with the greateſt Difficulty and Riſk to the Officers, reſtrained the Men, and halted and formed the greater Part of them, when I ſaw that the Enemy was filing off to the Right, under Cover of a high Bank, with an Intent to take poſſeſſion of our Guns. A Detachment of a Hundred Men of the Caithneſs Legion, under the Command of Major Inneſs, was on its March to replace us at Clonikilty, hearing our Fire preſſed forwards, and very critically fired upon them whilſt we were forming, and made them fly in every Direction with great Precipitation; at the ſame Moment a very conſiderable Force ſhewed itſelf on the Heights in our Rear; a vaſt Number of Pikes appeared, and ſome with Hats upon them, and other Signals, I ſuppoſe in order to collect their Forces. I ordered the Guns to prepare for Action, and very fortunately brought them to bear upon the Enemy with good Effect, as they diſperſed in a ſhort Time, and muſt have left a conſiderable Number dead: Some were killed in attempting to carry away the dead Bodies. It is impoſſible to aſcertain the Loſs of the Enemy; but a Dragoon who came this Morning from Clonikilty to Bandon, reports that their Loſs is One Hundred and Thirty.

I feel moſt highly gratified by the Conduct and Spirit of the Officers and Men of the Weſtmeath Regiment, and had only to complain of the too great Ardour of the latter, which it was almoſt impoſſible to reſtrain. I cannot give too much Praiſe to Major Inneſs, Captain Inneſs, and all the Officers, Non-commiſſioned Officers, and Privates of the Caithneſs Legion, for their cool ſteady Conduct, and the very effectual Support I received from them. Our Loſs was One Serjeant and One Private.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
H. O'REILLY, Lieut. Col. W. Reg.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Stewart, Bart.

Whitehall, 26th June, 1798.

DISPATCHES have been received here from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which bring the Intelligence of Lieutenant General Lake's having taken Poſſeſſion of Wexford on the 22d inſt.

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